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Korean Patent Publication No. 1999-020737 appears to disclose a discharge airflow controlling method for an air conditioner.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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